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For: GLYCOSAMINOGLYCAN PEPTIDES DERIVED FROM CONNECTIVE TISSUES  
AND USE THEREOF IN THE PREVENTION OF ARTHRITIS AND OTHER  
DEGENERATIVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: